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Diamond Jubilee
of
McDougall United
Church

EDMONTON, ALBERTA
CANADA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th
and intervening days

REV. J. E. HUGHSON, D.D., of Hamilton
Special Preacher

Extracts from Greetings sent by the three Senior living
Ministers of McDougall Church:

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Fort William, Ontario.

Good old McDougall Church of Edmonton!" How the name of McDougall carries us back sixty years, when the first church was erected by the Rev. George McDougall Only a short time after the Rev. Geo. McDougall died, his son John took me for a walk over the plains where his father died. On the Diamond Jubilee celebration of McDougall Church the officials, members, adherents, and all of us can praise the Lord for all his doings to the church On my going from Moosomin to Edmonton, my wife and I were received by the congregation very gladly. . . . I am well and 82 the 15th of September, for which I thank God for all his goodness, and pray that McDougall may continue to be a living force in Edmonton.

JOSHUA DYKE.

Pastor McDougall Church, 1894.

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Ganges, B.C.

You honour George McDougall, who sixty years ago dreamed and prophesied of Empire along the great Saskatchewan, and as he dreamed he staked his claim in what is now the heart of your city. He sawed the lumber and built his home all in the interest of the Missionary Society. Now you are entering into the possibilities of his dream, and awakening to the realities of his vision. . . .

Greetings to all these and others like them of all shades and denominations, whether on this side or beyond the "River of Time," who remembered God in the days of joyous hardship.

May McDougall Church reap bountifully both today and tomorrow, giving a kindly thought in passing for those who tried to reap the scanty harvest of yesterday.

GEO. W. DEAN.

Pastor McDougall Church, 1895-1898.

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Edmonton, Alberta.

I heartily congratulate you on your decision to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of McDougall Church, and sincerely hope and pray that your anniversary service may be marked by the presence of the great Head of the Church.

No one but our Father in Heaven can conceive the good that by God's grace McDougall Church has wrought during these six decades in the hearts of thousands of men, women and children. . . .

A new day has brought with it new problems unknown to the founder, and calling with no less insistence for his vision, his self-sacrifice, his devotion and his undaunted courage.

That these may be vouchsafed in full measure to the Pastor and congregation of McDougall Church at this, its Diamond Jubilee, is my heartfelt wish.

T. C. BUCHANAN.

Pastor McDougall Church, 1899-1903.



McDOUGALL UNITED CHURCH

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A FOREWORD



**REV. G. HARRISON VILLETTE,
B.A., Present Pastor McDougall
Church**

SIXTY years of continuous service is no mean achievement for a church in any part of our great Dominion, but in the Province of Alberta this Diamond Jubilee is a rare and remarkable milestone.

Naturally, our thoughts go back to those pioneer days, and to Rev. Geo. McDougall, the missionary whose vision and zealous labors laid the foundations.

All his dreams have not been realized, but by the grace of God his followers have labored abundantly and well, so that the growth and influence of this church is an achievement of which all may be proud. Today it is a church at the heart of a great city where its founder dreamed it would be. It is unrivalled in Western Canada as occupying one of the most strategic sites obtainable, a site which Geo. McDougall selected as the one he loved best.

As one would expect to find in a new and growing country, our church has known her difficult days

and experienced her anxious moments. Financing at times became burdensome, and the Great War threw its dark shadows over us. But she has experienced, too, her days of victory and rejoicing. In all these years of "checkered shade and sunshine" never for a moment has she lost sight of the mission for which her founder prayed,—Evangelism, Social Service and Education.

In this development and growth of influence one cannot help but see careful planning, patient striving and sacrificial giving. The Past inspires us, the Present heartens us, while the Future beckons to new fields of endeavor and service.

The Pastor is most happy that it is his good fortune to be the minister of the church on the occasion of her Diamond Jubilee, and to be associated with one of the finest congregations that any minister could be called upon to serve.

Together, as pastor and people, we rejoice and are profoundly grateful to God for McDougall Church, and for her challenging ministry in Alberta all these years, and we confidently look towards the future as we minister in the name of our Master and Leader, Jesus Christ.

G. HARRISON VILLETT.

NORTH - WESTERN CANADA

A brief survey of North-Western Canada may serve to emphasize the faith of the founder of McDougall Church.

McDougall Church was organized four years after the Confederation of the four Western Provinces.

In 1869 Rupert's Land and the North-West Territories were taken over by the Dominion, and in 1870 the Province of Manitoba created. From 1870-1876 the Territories were under the control of the Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba, assisted by a North-West Council chosen by the Dominion Government, mainly from prominent settlers in Manitoba.

In 1876 the Territories were given a Lieutenant-Governor of their own, and an elective Council of three members, though legislation was still in the hands of the Dominion. The Honorable David Laird, the first Lieutenant Governor, showed wisdom and sagacity in trading with the Blackfeet Indians. Battleford was the capital from 1877 until 1883, when it was moved to Pile of Bones Creek, re-named Regina.

The year 1887 saw a further advance in the creation of four Territories or Districts: Assiniboia, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and Athabasca, with certain rights of self-government.

In 1887 the Territories were given representatives at Ottawa and the following year were granted a Local Legislative Assembly.

Finally, in 1905, when the four territories were formed into two Provinces, most of Alberta and Athabasca became the Province of Alberta, most of Saskatchewan and Assiniboia became the Province of Saskatchewan.

In 1870 the whole population of the Province of Manitoba (much smaller in area than it is today) was about 12,000—(1,500 white, 500 Indians, 10,000 half breeds). That of Alberta, when the McDougall's arrived, was approximately a few hundred. In the entire North-West Territories the population did not exceed 1,500 to 2,000 white people, in addition to the Indians.

The Saskatchewan had attracted miners and other adventurous spirits in search of gold, and these were followed in 1874 by the first detachment of the North-West Mounted Police.

The Indian inhabitants in Alberta were of the Algonquin stock. The Crees or Plains Indians roamed the country to the north and east, the Blackfeet further south, and near the foothills of the Rockies. The Blackfeet Confederacy: Bloods, Peigans and Sarcees (an Athabasca tribe), were formidable rivals of the Crees. In the far north of the province were found the Chipewyans, near Lake Athabasca, where a fort had been built in 1788 by Roderick MacKenzie, cousin of the great explorer Alexander MacKenzie, who set out in 1789 in search of the North-West Passage. Ten years before this time Peter Pond, the first white man in Alberta, had built a trading post on the Athabasca River, called later "The Old Establishment." The first garden was sowed there in 1779.

The principal settlements in McDougall's time were around Calgary, Macleod, Lethbridge and Edmonton. The year 1876 marks the beginning of the modern city of Calgary, when the Hudson's Bay Company opened the first store near the site of old Fort Jonquiere, built by Miverville in 1752. Richard Hardisty was in charge of the Hudson's Bay Company's operations in Alberta before the advent of the C.P.R. in 1884. On the new townsite, west of the Elbow River, the Hudson's Bay Company erected a frame building 35 feet by 100 feet which was considered the finest store west of Winnipeg.

In 1874 Colonel McLeod was detailed to establish a Fort in the heart of the Blackfeet country. He chose a location on the bank of the Old Man River. The site commanded the route of the whisky traders, and white desperadoes who had worked such havoc among the Indians.

In 1778, Edmonton was established by the North-West Company, and early in the nineteenth century the Hudson's Bay Company followed the example. On the union of the two Companies in 1821, Fort Edmonton acquired new importance and became the centre for the North-West, and many of the servants of the Company, both Scotch and French, took up land as settlers, and the Fort became also the trading centre for Indians who roamed as far south as the 49th parallel and as far north as Lake Athabasca.

MILESTONES OF METHODISM

McDougall Church, of Edmonton, arouses in the mind of anyone historically inclined visions of heroism, optimism, and faith. It recalls the exploits of those hardy pioneers who, having set their faces to their tasks, knew no discouragement, but toiled manfully on.

It was in 1729 that John and Charles Wesley and two other students made their vow that was to be epoch making. It was in 1774 that Barbara Heck and her husband, as pioneer Methodists, settled in Upper Canada. The country burying ground in Augusta township, in Ontario, has a stone marking the grave of Barbara Heck which bears this inscription: "Barbara Heck put her brave soul up against the rugged possibilities of the future and under God, brought into existence Canadian and American Methodism."

The coming of Methodism into North-Western Canada is told in a book by R. M. Martin, entitled "Hudson Bay Territories." The author cites the minutes of the Hudson's Bay Company, Norway House, June, 1840:

"In order to give full effect to the laudable and benevolent views of the Governor, Sir George Simpson, and Committee, towards the diffusion of Christianity and civilization among the natives of the country—Resolved,

"That three missions be established in the Northern department this season, say one at Norway House under the charge of Rev. Mr. Evans, one at Lac la Pluie under the charge of the Rev. Mr. Mason, and one at Edmonton under the charge of Rev. Mr. Rundle, that every facility be afforded them for successfully conducting their spiritual labors."

In the year 1840 the Wesleyan Missionary Society, of England, sent out this young Cornishman named Robert T. Rundle, who reached Norway House in June of that year, coming by way of Lachine, up the Ottawa, across Lake Nipissing, down the French River, over Lake Superior, through the chain of lakes between Fort William and Winnipeg, and by Lake Winnipeg and Jack River to Norway House. In December of the same year he reached Edmonton and enjoyed the hospitality of the officer in charge of the Hudson's Bay post. It took him more than three months to come up the Saskatchewan River from Norway House to Edmonton. On his arrival at Edmonton he commenced work at once. He took trips by dog train to Beaver Hills

and Rocky Mountain House, ministering to the Indians. Returning to Edmonton, he turned southward and went as far as the Bow River, somewhere near the present site of Calgary. Mount Rundle, near Banff, is named after him. He spent some years in work on the prairies, penetrating as far north as the Peace River, returning to the Old Land.

For some years no missionary was on the field. However, in 1855, the Reverends Thomas Woolsey and Henry



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Founder of McDougall Church

Steinhauer arrived, Woolsey making his headquarters here and Steinhauer going to Lac La Biche. Later Woolsey moved to Smoking Lake and Steinhauer to Whitefish Lake.

In 1862 Rev. George McDougall, chairman of Hudson's Bay Missions, came up from Norway House and went over the field. He moved Woolsey to Victoria on the North Saskatchewan, where in the same year John McDougall, son of George McDougall, became assistant. In 1863 George McDougall moved from Norway House to Victoria (now Pakan), covering the whole territory from the Peace River in the north, to the Old Man River in the south. In 1867 the Rev. Peter Campbell came from the East to work in the missionary fields of the West. He wintered in Edmonton, afterwards going to Pigeon Lake and Victoria and returning East in 1873. Rev. Woolsey had returned to the East in 1864.



McDOUGALL CHURCH. (Begun 1871. Dedicated 1872)

HISTORY OF McDOUGALL CHURCH

Up until 1871 there had been no regular appointee to Edmonton, nor had there been any regular church service. However, Fort Edmonton had been carried on the list of stations in the Missionary rooms of the Wesleyan Church. Mr. McDougall, from his first visit in 1862, had always had in his mind that Edmonton would some day be the site of a great city.

Early in 1871, at his own desire, Rev. George McDougall was invited to open up and take charge of the new mission in Edmonton. In April of that year he and his family moved here. Immediately he set out to make a home, building the first parsonage of McDougall Church, which stood amongst the trees now standing in front of the Memorial Hall, Mrs. McDougall having planted these trees herself as soon as she moved in.

He started the first Wesleyan as well as the first Protestant church to be built in the city of Edmonton, doing a great part of the work himself. It was a log building, covered both inside and out with lumber which had been whip-sawed, the original pulpit being a work of his own hands. This building is still standing (somewhat changed) at the rear of the Alberta College. The Church was not opened until some time in 1872, but services had been carried on regularly.

The first congregational meeting of which we have any record was held in the church on the twelfth of January, 1874, Richard Hardisty, Esq., in the chair.

The following is a complete copy of the records then taken:

Minutes of Meeting held at the Wesleyan Church, at Edmonton, 12th January, 1874, Richard Hardisty, Esq., in the Chair

First—Prayer by the Rev. George McDougall.

Second—Choir, "From Greenlands Icy Mountains."

Third—Election of Chairman.

Fourth—Speech from the Chairman, "The Bible, what it has done for the world."

Fifth—The Secretary, Wm. Leslie Wood, was called upon to read the report. No report having come to hand, the Secretary delivered a speech on the good the missionary cause was accomplishing throughout the world, the help they should receive, and ended with an appeal for money to carry on the work of the Lord.

Sixth—Choir, "O for a thousand tongues to sing."

Seventh—Speech by Charles Adams, "The Missionary Work in the North Part of Rupert's Land."

Eighth—Choir.

Ninth—First Resolution: Moved by Adam I. Snyder, and seconded by the Rev. John McDougall:

"That as righteousness exalteth a nation, and as Providence has given to us a country as vast as fertile, therefore it is our duty to extend to the native inhabitants those civil and religious privileges which have under God elevated us as a people."

Tenth—Choir.

Eleventh—Second Resolution: Moved by the Rev. George McDougall, and seconded by the Rev. H. Steinhauer:

"That as Bible Christianity has proved itself equal to the task of raising the aboriginal race morally, educationally, socially, and spiritually, as manifest in the tribes of Ontario, that therefore it is the duty of every Christian to extend the same boon to all the tribes in the great North-West."

Twelfth—Choir.

Thirteenth—Subscription.

Subscription List

Richard Hardisty	\$50.00	John Walter	6.00
Mrs. Richard Hardisty	50.00	George Cullion	5.00
William Leslie Wood	30.00	David McDougall	5.00
Rev. George McDougall	25.00	Mrs. David McDougall	5.00
George Verey	25.00	John Coutts	5.00
Charles Adams	20.00	Miss Georgeania McDougall	5.00
Thomas Hourston	20.00	Alexander H. Bain	5.00
William Calder	15.00	Thomas W. Robinson	5.00
Edward McGillivray	15.00	Philip Tate	5.00
Louis Chastellain	15.00	Albert Tate	5.00
Donald McLeod	15.00	Kenneth McDonald	5.00
Rev. John McDougall	10.00	William Borwick	5.00
Adam I. Snyder	10.00	William Lenney	5.00
John H. Gordon	10.00	William Dixon	5.00
John Sinclair	10.00	James Gullion	5.00
William Bird	10.00	Philip Whiteford	5.00
Donald Ross	10.00	William Rowland	3.00
James Kirkness	8.00	Rev. H. Steinhauer	1.00
Malcolm Groat	7.50	Miss Sarah Steinhauer	1.00
Lawrence Fullerton	7.50		
I. McFarlane	6.50	Total Subscription	\$455.50

Fourteenth—Choir, "National Anthem."

The Rev. George McDougall closed the meeting with Prayer.

Edmonton, 24th January.—The amount of the Subscription List, Four hundred and fifty-five dollars and fifty cents, has been placed to the credit of Rev. George McDougall.

WM. LESLIE WOOD, Secretary.

Seat Rents

Hon. Hudson's Bay Co.	\$18.00	William Lenney	6.00
William Bird	6.00	William Leslie Wood	6.00
George Gullion	6.00	Kenneth McDonald	6.00
John Coutts	6.00	William Calder	6.00
William Rowland	6.00	Malcolm Groat	6.00
Mrs. Colin Fraser	6.00		
James Gullion	6.00	Total Seat Rents, 1873-74	\$90.00
William Borwick	6.00		

Edmonton, 24th January, 1874.—The above amount of ninety dollars has been placed to the credit of the Church account, with the Hon. Hudson's Bay Company.

WM. LESLIE WOOD, Secretary.

During the next ten years the records, if any taken, seem to have been misplaced, as those now in the possession of the Church are only those of marriages, baptisms and funerals.

In 1875, Mr. McDougall, after spending some months in the East, moved to Morley, west of Calgary, where, while on a hunting expedition early in 1876 he became lost, and died on the prairies.

For some years after his departure the records are very indefinite. However, the names of the ministers in charge

in order of their services are: Lewis Warner, H. M. Manning, John Walton, Arthur Whiteside, E. B. Glass, D. C. Sanderson.

In 1884 Rev. John E. Howard came to McDougall Church as its pastor, and from that time on the records are fairly complete. Mr. Howard remained the pastor until 1887, when Rev. G. H. Long took charge. It was during the pastorate of Mr. Howard that the Ladies' Aid of McDougall Church was started. In 1890, the Rev. C. A. Procnier was called to the pastorate. During all these years the story is one of pioneer conditions, struggle, disappointments and successes.

In 1892 the first church building was moved across 101st Street, onto the land which is now the site of the Journal Building, and a new frame church building was built, the church from this time on being called McDougall Church. During this year the old parsonage was destroyed by fire.



SECOND CHURCH (Built 1892)

In 1892 the Rev. C. A. Procnier was married and a parsonage had to be rented for him. In 1893 the Rev. George Hanna took charge, and during that summer the main portion of the building still used as the parsonage was built. This was the first brick building in the city of Edmonton, as the old log building had been the first of any kind to be built outside the Fort. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna were the first occupants of the new building. In May, 1894, Mr. Hanna, who had endeared himself very much to the congregation, died and was followed by the Rev. J. Dyke, who remained only one year and was followed by the Rev. G. W. Dean,

who remained until 1898, being succeeded by the Rev. Thompson Ferrier, who was one year later called to the principalship of the Brandon Industrial School, and was followed by Rev. T. C. Buchanan, who remained as pastor until July, 1903.

In 1903 Mr. Buchanan, being also Superintendent of Missions for Alberta, had as assistant in the pastorate the Rev. J. E. Hodgins (Fort Saskatchewan). Rev. W. J. Hag-gith also served as assistant during a short time in this year. In 1903 the Rev. Charles Huestis was invited to the pastorate, which called he accepted. In 1903 the Church, having become too small, an addition was built, more than doubling the seating capacity, and the first pipe organ in the city was installed.

In 1905 the first offshoot from the congregation of McDougall Church took place, and Grace Methodist Church was built, with the Rev. A. S. Tuttle as its first pastor.

In 1907 the Rev. Edson Marshall became the pastor, Mr. Huestis going to Red Deer. During Mr. Marshall's early pastorate the congregation again outgrew the seating capacity, and another addition was added to the church, as a temporary arrangement until a new church could be built. During the summer of 1909 arrangements were made for the building of the present church building, and in the fall the basement walls were put in and covered. In March, 1910, the pastor, who was greatly beloved and admired by the congregation and people generally, passed on to his reward, and during the remainder of the year the pulpit was supplied by the Rev. W. J. Hunter, D.D.

In July, 1910, the Rev. J. E. Hughson, B.A., D.D., became the pastor, and during this year the present church building was completed and shortly before the New Year was opened for public worship, the seating capacity being eighteen hundred. For the first year pews were not placed in the gallery, but before the year was ended the congregation had grown and it became necessary to put these in. During 1912 the fine Karn Organ, still in use, was installed.

In 1912 the Rev. W. E. McNiven came as assistant pastor, remaining in such position until 1915. In 1913 Rev. J. E. Hughson was called to Grace Church, Winnipeg, and the Rev. W. L. Armstrong, D.D., succeeded him as pastor in charge. During these years, 1912, 1913, 1914, the seating capacity of the church was taxed to the utmost. In 1914, at the outbreak of the Great War, McDougall Church was drained of its young life, more than three hundred of our finest young men enlisting, and a large number making the

supreme sacrifice. Their memory is kept in grateful remembrance by the Church.

In 1917 the Rev. A. S. Tuttle, D.D., became the pastor, Dr. Armstrong going to Winnipeg. In 1919 Dr. Tuttle was appointed to the principalship of Alberta College (now St.



REV. J. E. HUGHSON, D.D.
**Pastor when the present Church was
opened, and Anniversary Preacher**

Stephen's College) and the Rev. R. L. McTavish became the pastor, remaining as such for five years until 1924, being succeeded by the Rev. C. W. Brown, D.D. In 1927 Dr. Brown was succeeded by the Rev. Wilfred Gaetz, Dr. Brown going to London, Ontario. In 1930 Mr. Gaetz was succeeded by our present pastor, the Rev. G. H. Villett, B.A.

It is a matter of considerable satisfaction that during all these years there has been connected with the congregation some members of the family of George McDougall. At the present time, a daughter, Mrs. Leslie Wood, and a great granddaughter, Miss Monota Barber, are loved and honored members.

It is with a feeling of thankfulness, at this Diamond Ju-

bilee time, that the membership and officials of McDougall Church view the past and look forward with hope and courage to the future. Looking over the past, as recorded by the different pastors in succession, one must recognize that the service and influence of the Church is woven into the very warp and woof of the life of this city and the surrounding country. For many years marriages, baptisms and funerals of all classes of people were a part of the service rendered by the church, and the names of many of the most prominent of the pioneers of this great land appear frequently in the simple records. The future lies before us, and we feel sure and confident that McDougall Church will stand for courage and fidelity in the life of this great city and province.

TRIBUTE TO FIRST PASTOR—REV. GEO. McDOUGALL

Few now are living who have heard him speak;
Yet dark eyes flash, of those who yet remain,
And smiles have lit the wrinkled dusky cheek,
To hear his name again.

Yet his the seer-like vision that discerned
The wondrous days the future held in store;
Where then the red man's lonely camp-fire burned—
He heard the city's roar.

The coming of the path of shining steel;
The crowds, the homes, the marts, the factories tall;
The destined greatness of the commonweal—
This man foresaw them all.

By daily toil he earned his daily bread,
Nor e'er for gain from duty's pathway swerved;
And oft-times had not where to lay his head,
Like Him he truly served.

Here in the land to which he gave his years,
And laid him down amid the storm to rest,
He won his title to that House of Peers—
God's, Nature's worthiest.

ARCHITECTURE OF McDougall CHURCH

O where are kings and empires now,
Of old, that went and came?
But, Lord, thy Church is praying yet,
A thousand years the same.

We mark her goodly battlements,
And her foundations strong;
We hear within the solemn voice
Of her unending song.

—BISHOP A. C. COXE.

The site of McDougall Church is commanding, looking over the valley of the Saskatchewan River, the outlook is one of great beauty which could be rarely equalled anywhere.

McDougall Church is a large brick building of rather plain and severe lines, Norman in character. It is about 120 feet in length by 84 feet in width. There are two large towers, and an office wing in addition. The auditorium is 80 feet by 80 feet, with a gallery on three sides which extends over the entrance and lobbies. The seating capacity is eighteen hundred. The choir gallery and organ alcove has seating for eighty. There are numerous offices, committee rooms, rest rooms, study and parlor. The basement contains a heating and ventilating plant, organ dynamo and a finely equipped kitchen and dining room, and recreation rooms with furnishing for social purposes.

The organ is a large four-manual instrument, of good tone, wide range and power.

The seating of the auditorium is of antique oak in keeping with the architecture of the building, and semi-circular in form. The windows are of stained glass, the auditorium altogether being stately and magnificent.

The Church is situated in the centre of this great city, close to its active life, convenient to car lines and other utilities, being therefore a convenient meeting place for all Presbyterial or other denominational meetings and functions, and is used greatly for this purpose.

The officers and members are pleased to have the building render this service. We feel that McDougall Church should be gratefully cherished in the minds of the whole connexion.

McDOUGALL CHURCH AND EDUCATION

Rev. George McDougall had from the first been an enthusiastic believer in the power of Education. So much so that when he chose the site for the Church he also chose a site for a future College building, the place being the site where the new brick building of Alberta College now stands, the street now known as McDonald Drive being called College Avenue.

Soon after the Mission was established, a day school, the first Protestant school in Edmonton, for the teaching of the children who had in the meantime been born here, as well as others coming in, was established, Adam I. Snyder being the first teacher. This was under the patronage of McDougall Church and the Methodist Missionary Society.



REV. T. C. BUCHANAN, D.D.

Pastor of McDougall Church when Alberta College was founded

It was carried on more or less regularly under the Missionary stationed in McDougall Church until 1881, when a Citizens' Committee was formed and carried on the work as a

voluntary organization until 1885, when the first Public School was built, and School District No. 7 of the North-West Territories legally established.

On May 22, 1903, Rev. T. C. Buchanan called together Hon. H. C. Taylor, W. T. Henry, A. B. Cushing and P. E. Butchart, all of whom were members and officials of McDougall Church. At this meeting the initiatory steps in connection with the establishing of a college were taken. After endorsement by the District Meeting and the Annual Conference, the General Conference Executive Committee of the Methodist Church gave the required authority, and in September of 1903 Alberta College was opened with the Rev. J. H. Riddell, B.A., D.D., as principal. Dr. Riddell was thus brought very closely in touch with McDougall Church, being for many years a sincere and loyal worker on the boards of the church, and rendering valuable service in many ways. In 1911 the work of the College was divided. A new building, now known as St. Stephen's College, was erected on the University Grounds, and the advanced, as well as the Theological work of the College was removed to the new building. Shortly after, the Rev. F. S. McCall, B.A., D.D., became Principal of the original Alberta College, which position he still occupies so ably.

Dr. Riddell in 1917 removed to Winnipeg, becoming Principal of Wesley College. Dr. Tuttle in 1919 succeeded him in what is now St. Stephen's College.

The work and success of these two colleges have always been a matter of great satisfaction to the membership of McDougall Church, and the associations in connection therewith close. The Principals of both Colleges are now, and from the beginning have been, members and officials of the Church, always giving of their very best in service, time and strength. That both Colleges may continue to prosper is the great hope of this Church, which has had such a vital part in their establishment and success.

Since 1911 that portion of Alberta College now St. Stephen's College, has been working in co-operation with the University of Alberta, being the first College to take this step. The University recognizes its courses of study and the standing of its students, some of the professors in St. Stephen's College giving lectures to the University students.

As to the work being accomplished by Alberta College, one must be struck by its missionary and nation building character, during the year 1930 and 1931, students registering being from thirty-five different countries. To have these new Canadians meeting every day on equal terms,

under Christian influence, learning something of our culture and business methods, must have a wonderfully levelling effect, and be a mighty power in the building of the social fabric of this newer Canadian people. During the past year a great grandson of Henry Steinhauer was a successful student. So the years roll around. (Cast thy bread upon the waters and it shall return after many days.)

That this result was the hope and desire of the Rev. Geo. McDougall we know, and for us, as his successors to have had some small part in the accomplishing, is a great satisfaction.

McDOUGALL CHOIR

The earliest records of McDougall Church tell of the work of a choir, and through the years it has aided the church in every good enterprise.

When the second church was enlarged the first pipe organ in Edmonton was installed. Mr. Frank Wrigley, of Calgary, later of Detroit, gave the opening recital. Miss Beatrice Crawford was the first organist of the fine new organ, and the choir was led by Mr. Jackson Hanby. In the following years R. Chisholm, W. J. Hendra, V. P. Hunt, E. M. Sheldrick, A. K. Putland, all in turn directed the music. Upon the resignation of Mr. Putland, Mr. W. J. Hendra again became choir leader, and he continues still to give wise direction and leadership. Recently the choir loft was enlarged to a capacity of 80 seats.

By the earnest co-operation of its leaders and members and the excellence of the music, the organization has earned for itself a high standing, and the choir has a warm place in the hearts of the people of McDougall Church.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

As McDougall Church developed provision was made for the care of the Young People of the congregation. The organizations under which this work has been carried on have been many and varied, but unfortunately very few records of this work have been preserved. In the days of the Epworth League as many as one hundred young men and young women were enrolled at one time as workers.

At the present time the Young People's Society meets every Sunday evening during the winter months, and enjoys a programme and also social intercourse.

It is hoped that before the next Jubilee Number is issued some more adequate record of this work may be compiled, and that documents now missing may be discovered.

THE LADIES' AID

The Society was organized on August 26th, 1886, at a meeting presided over by Rev. J. H. Howard, then Pastor. It was held in the old parsonage, fifteen ladies becoming members. These ladies adopted a Constitution and rules of procedure. Mrs. Howard was elected as the President, Mrs. R. Hardisty 1st Vice-Pres., Mrs. M. McAuley 2nd Vice-Pres., Mrs. Leslie Wood, Treasurer, Miss Strachan, Sec'y.

Arrangements were made to hold a social in the parsonage, Sept. 3rd, reported a great success, proceeds \$28.25. The ladies also served refreshments at the Exhibition grounds on Sept. 30th, the date of the Annual Fair.

In 1887, there are only two entries in the Minute Book. The first, July 19th, being an inventory of all the furniture and furnishings in the parsonage. The second, dated Aug. 3rd, is the record of an order on the funds of the Society which were on deposit with the Hudson's Bay Co. This was for \$30.00, and was given to Rev. G. H. Long, who had just succeeded Mr. Howard as Pastor.

On June 25th, 1888, Mrs. Hardisty was elected President, which position she held until Jan., 1895. During this year (1888), the parsonage was papered. On Oct. 8th a tea-meeting was held, the net proceeds, \$40.00, being deposited with the Hudson's Bay Co.

In October, 1889, the Aid purchased a Vocalion Organ from Messrs. Mason & Risch, of Toronto. This organ was used in the church for many years, and was given to Grace Church at its opening. Paying for this organ, looking after the parsonage and church, etc., occupied the energies of the Society for the next two years.

During the summer of 1892, a new church was built, the Society undertaking to supply the furnishings, to consist of chairs, table, carpets and matting, etc. In the early summer the ladies made aprons to sell, served refreshments on July 1st and on July 4th, and were thus able to make a deposit of \$200.00 in the Savings department of the Imperial Bank, which had opened a branch here shortly before.

In connection with the building of the Church, a motion was passed asking the Trustee Board to cover the swing doors with red baize to match the furnishings. This was done.

Early in December, 1892, Rev. C. A. Procnier, who had been the Pastor since 1890, was married. The ladies furnished the new parsonage, which was a rented house, the old parsonage having been burned some time before. This, in addition to furnishing the church, was quite a large undertaking. In connection with the opening of the church a tea-meeting was held, tea being served in the old church which had been bought by Mr. Osborne, moved across 1st Street, and stood on what is now McDonald Drive, immediately to the south of the new Journal Building. Altogether the Aid had a busy year and had raised quite a large sum of money.

During this summer (1893) the brick building to the east of the present church was built, and has been the pastor's home since. The Society added to the furnishing already owned, and in November the Rev. Geo. Hanna and Mrs. Hanna became its first occupants, the ladies holding a Thanksgiving social on this occasion.

At the meeting held on May 16th, the Pastor who was very ill sent in the message, the last written by him, as follows: "My dear Ladies' Aid, your Pastor sends greetings. I am so thankful to be able to say today that I am resting. That sweet word rest."

During this year the mite box system of raising money was added to the other means in use. The Aid also purchased the tablet in memory of Rev. Geo. Hanna. In December the proceeds of the Anniversary Tea were on motion given to the Treasurer to help pay the interest on mortgage.

For the next two or three years the members of the Ladies' Aid were surely the Marthas of the Church, cumbered with many things, paying for cleaning the church, paying coal bills, having the town authorities put in a crossing from sidewalk to the Church, and also an electric street light at the church corner. These and many other things in addition to the ordinary and regular duties of the Society. To do all these the Ladies' Aid added the handling of talent money in addition to the mite boxes, fees, etc., to raise the necessary. About this time some of the men showed their appreciation by becoming associate members—Mr. Henry, Dr. Goodwin and others.

At a special meeting held Aug. 26th, 1896, Mr. Henry, the Recording Steward, presented the estimates for the year showing an expected deficit of \$248.00. The Society undertook to pay \$150.00 of this, which it did before the close of church year.

In 1897 we also paid \$100.00 in the same way to the ordinary funds of the church. *

The entry in Minute Book for Nov. 4, 1896, is "Very stormy day. No members present."

In 1897 during the Klondyke rush the Society made mosquito shields to sell to the Klondykers.

During 1896, 1897, and a portion of 1898, new members were elected by ballot, 2 black balls rejecting.

At the meeting held Oct. 5th, 1898, Mrs. Ferrier, the Pastor's wife, proposed forming a Woman's Missionary Society, which was unanimously adopted.

In 1899, Rev. T. C. Buchanan became the Pastor, and during his term the policy of raising all monies by freewill offering through the monthly collection by envelope was adopted. The Ladies then ceased holding Tea-meetings, having mite boxes, etc., only collecting the regular membership fee in addition to envelope.

We now come to the time when Edmonton and McDougall Church are beginning to grow and prosper. The work and activities of the Ladies' Aid are more or less familiar to the most of you.

Up to 1907 the care of the parsonage was under the Society, but in that year the Board undertook this by making a direct grant to the pastor's wife. During these years the work of the Aid was largely that of visiting and looking after the newcomers to the city. However, when in 1909 the present Church building was started, the Aid again began to prepare for the future.

The men had formed the Banquet habit, and the ladies undertook to furnish a kitchen and dining room. This work cost in the neighborhood of \$1,000.00. When the organ was purchased the ladies also paid \$1,000.00 towards it.

In 1914 when there was great distress in the city and country the Aid made and distributed hundreds of garments.

In 1915 the members of the Ladies' Aid organized a Red Cross Society to work for the Canadian soldiers. They met weekly in the Church parlor to sew, these afternoon meetings being a source of great good, as all or nearly all had boys or friends in the danger line. When the Armistice was signed the number of garments made and sent to the Red Cross had reached the total of 27,735. During the Flu epidemic the Kitchen was the centre of the Soup distribution.

Without boasting, and in all humility, it can be claimed that during these 35 years of unbroken service not an ap-

peal from any of our church's organizations has been lightly denied. The Ladies' Aid Society has always and is today trying to be a true and faithful helpmate to the Church.

The Ladies' Aid has numbered many noble and talented women as members. Many of them have gone ahead to their eternal reward, others are scattered and a goodly number are still with us.

During the past ten years the record of the McDougall Church Ladies' Aid has been in keeping with the past history of the organization. From 1921 to 1924 the Aid, in addition to having the responsibility for parsonage upkeep, paid considerable sums to the regular funds of Church.

In 1924 the Society completely renovated the parsonage and largely refurnished it, making of it a very comfortable home.

In 1927, the Ladies Aid, with the consent of the Trustee Board, had the auditorium decorated as it still is. Since then, in addition to upkeep, the Aid has each year paid at least one thousand dollars towards the reduction of mortgage debt, and two years ago installed the stained glass windows.

In 1931 the Aid also added a very fine enclosed veranda to the parsonage, this adding greatly to the usefulness and comfort of the building.

THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Women's Missionary Auxiliary of McDougall Church was organized in the year 1900 by Mrs. Ferrier. After a few months of capable leadership she resigned, owing to the transfer of her husband as pastor of McDougall Church to Moose Jaw, later to Brandon, where she now resides. Mrs. Goodwin was then elected to carry on the work so recently organized, which office she held until her removal from the city in 1902 to her present home—Vegreville, Alta.

The names of some of the charter members are Mr. Ferrier, Mrs. Goodwin, Mrs. Jas. McDonald, Mrs. Goodridge, Mrs. George Hanna, Mrs. W. T. Henry, Miss Phillips, Miss Osborne, Mrs. E. V. Hardisty (daughter of Rev. George McDougall). Mrs. R. B. Walt, the third President, elected in 1903, is still a resident of the city. During Mrs. Walt's term of office the Auxiliary Prayer Meeting was inaugurated. In 1904 Mrs. Brandon, at present of Lashburn, Alta., succeeded Mrs. Walt, which office she held until the following year, when Mrs. Riddell, now of Winnipeg, was elected President. In 1916 Mrs. C. Fife, residing at present in Magnolia, Alta., succeeded Mrs. Riddell.

During Mrs. Fife's term of office the Mission Band, with

Mrs. Wm. Saigeon as Superintendent, undertook the support of three children in the Herbie Bellamy Home.

In the year 1907 Mrs. W. W. Chown (now deceased), was elected to the Presidency, and for seven consecutive years was re-elected to the office. Through her consecration to the work every department developed spiritually and financially. The Mission Circle, with Miss Jackson (now Mrs. Hill) as leader, also the Little Light Bearers' department with Mrs. Marshall as Superintendent, were organized. In 1908 Mrs. J. H. Slack was elected Auxiliary Treasurer, in which office she continues to give most efficient and devoted service.

In 1909 Mrs. Chown was elected President at the inauguration of the Alberta Branch of the Women's Missionary Society, holding this office and giving wise leadership to the Missionary cause of the Province until her removal to London, Ont., in 1914. Mrs. George Frazer, of Strome, Alta., succeeded Mrs. Chown, undertaking probably one of the most difficult years, owing to war conditions, necessitating the formation of many other organizations demanding the united support of all our women. During those anxious war years the following members gave leadership: Mrs. D. Hayes, residing in Unity, Sask.; Mrs. J. L. Studholme, resident in our city. Mrs. T. J. Norman, living now in Robson, B.C., took office in 1918 and continued for two eventful years establishing a sewing circle at the Children's Shelter, also the Auxiliary undertook the five year support of two Chinese medical students in the University at Pekin, China. In 1920 Mrs. Studholme again was elected as President.

The Auxiliary celebrated this year the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Women's Missionary Society in Canada at an Easter banquet. This banquet was attended by the honorary members.

The books were closed with a record membership of 400.

Beginning the new era following the war, Mrs. C. E. Race gave excellent leadership, establishing the provisional pledge system. This system still prevails, and has proved to be of great value to the Society. After Mrs. Race resigned Mrs. W. T. Ash became acting President for the remainder of the term.

The new year which ushered in Church Union began under the efficient Presidency of Mrs. A. S. Tuttle. In this office Mrs. Tuttle continued for three years. This brings us to the year 1929, when the leadership passed on to our present most capable President, Mrs. F. S. McCall. The Auxiliary is honored in having as an active member Mrs. Leslie Wood, youngest daughter of the Rev. George McDougall. In celebrating this year the 60th anniversary of

our church, we are reminded of the self-sacrifice and devotion of its founder, Rev. George McDougall, who gave his life freely to the cause of missions so dear to his heart. May the memory of the past be the inspiration for the future in the great work of our United Church.

McDOUGALL SUNDAY SCHOOL

When McDougall Church was organized, a Sunday School was started at the same time. As there was no church building, the first sessions were held in old Fort Edmonton, with an enrollment of twenty scholars. Rev. Geo. McDougall acted as Superintendent during his pastorate, and in the following years the minister in charge seems to have been the chief officer of the school. Later, Richard Hardisty presided over the school for a period.

From a small handful the Sunday School has grown into a very efficient one, with well organized departments. It has always been a vital force in the life of the church, and has varied its organization to suit the changing conditions.

While the earlier record of officers is not available, those who presided over the Sunday School during these later years are the following:

Judge H. C. Taylor, A. S. Mathers, Dr. H. Goodwin, W. T. Henry, Dr. Harry Smith, Alex. Butchart, S. R. Laycock, Cecil Race, Geo. B. Cooper, Dr. J. R. Wilkinson, W. H. Kelcher, Robert Pearson.

THE MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club of McDougall Church was organized about twenty years ago, and through all these years has been of great assistance to the pastor and the church.

It brings into a fellowship men of diverse types and gives them an opportunity of becoming acquainted, and for the discussion of vital subjects of the time.

The Club meets twice a month during the fall and winter season, at the supper hour. Helpful and inspiring addresses are given by prominent speakers in the city and province, and discussion follow on the subject.

It is also the custom of the Club to help the poor and needy, and to give assistance in every good cause.

Those who have presided over the Club since its inception are: C. F. Newell, Cecil E. Race, W. F. Empey, Sid. Ash, Dr. F. S. McCall, A. H. Skenfield, T. H. Wells, Dr. T. H. Whitelaw, Geo. B. Cooper.



